participation in the Village Health Guide Scheme has been discontinued after IX Plan i.e. with effect from 1-4-2002. The State Governments are free to continue with the Scheme with such modifications as may suit their requirements, from their own resources.

(b) and (c) The Central Government had already released funds to all States/UTs for payment of honorarium to the Health Guides upto 31.03.2002. The funds, thus released to the Government of Orissa during the last five years are indicated below:

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	Amount Released
1997-1998	69.05
1998-1999	69.23
1999-2000	69.23
2000-2001	34.61
2001-2002	32.89

All States/UTs have been advised to claim their arrears, if any, upto 31.03.2002

Outsourcing of Automobile Parts by Foreign Automobile Companies

2087. SHRI DINA NATH MISHRA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether foreign Automobile Companies are outsourcing automobile parts and components from Indian companies;

(b) if so, the details thereof and action plan of these multinationals in this regard;

(c) whether these multinationals would set up their R&D bases in the country; if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether it is a fact that Indian automobile parts and components manufacturing companies are excelling in Quantity Management and have established their credibility in the International Market;

(e) if so, the measures Government are taking to promote export of automobile parts and components; and

(f) which major countries are importing cars, two wheelers and other automobiles from India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Action Plans of these multinationals are not in public domain as these are matters of commercial proprietary of the respective firms. As per the information received from Automotive Components Manufactures Association (ACMA), some of the companies which are considering to outsource from India are Volvo, General Motors, Ford, Fiat, Toyota, Delphi, Navistar, Cummins and Caterpillar. The outsourcing budgets of these companies are estimated to be in the range of US $ 5-10 billion over the next few years. The export of auto-components from India was to the tune of US $ 800 million during 2002-2003. This is likely to cross US $ 1 billion in the Financial Year 2003-2004.

(c) According to the information received from Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM), General Motors, USA has set up extensive R &D facility in India and Suzuki Motor Corporation, Japan has announced making India a hub for R&D on Small cars.

(d) The Indian auto component sector is undergoing considerable transformation because of the requirement of higher standards of quality control. As informed by ACMA, out of the 450 component manufactures in the organized sector in India, 337 companies have ISO-9000 certification; 195 companies have the QS-9000 certification, 31 have the TS-16949 certification and five have also won the coveted Deming Award, which is the global benchmark of quality and productivity.

(e) Export promotion measures under EXIM policy of the Government available to other industries, are also available to the auto component sector. Government's recent initiatives like simplification of custom procedure and major upgradation of testing infrastructure in the country currently under way are helping to boost the automotive exports from the country.

(f) Major countries of export of these items are Srilanka, Bangladesh, Nepal & a number of countries from Europe, North America, Latin America & Africa.

Bokajan Cement Factory

2088. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of representations were received for delinking Bokajan cement factory from the proposed disinvement of CCI.

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken to delink Bokajan unit by bifurcation of CCI?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As at Statement (See below)

(c) CCI being a sick company has been under reference to BIFR since 1996. The BIFR has directed on 31.10.2002 for the sale of CCI either as a whole or its plants individually or collectively. The sale process is being carried out by an Asset Sale Committee constituted by the order of BIFR. The sale of CCI is at an advance state. The final decision regarding sale of individual units of CCI will be taken by the BIFR.

Statement

List of representations received from de-linking Bokajan Cement Factory from the proposed disinvestment of CCI

Sl. No.	Date of letter	Letter received from
1.	03.07.2002	Shri Tarun Gogoi, CM, Assam
2.	16.07.2002	Dr. Arun Kumar Sarma, M.P. Rajya Sabha
3.	20.6.2002	Shri K.S. Engti, Chief Ex. Member, Karbi Anglong Autonomous Concil, Diphu.